

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 26 are pending in the above-identified patent application. In the Action dated June 6, 2003, the Examiner rejected Claim 1, 2, 4-9, 13, 15-17 and 21-24. The Examiner further indicated however that Claims 3, 10-12, 14, 18-20, 25 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the rejection, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-2, 7-8, 15-16 and 21-24. Claims 3, 10, 14, 18 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and are thus now in condition for allowance. The remaining dependent claims have been amended to depend from the claims which the Examiner has indicated are allowable and accordingly are also in condition for allowance for at least the reason of their dependency.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn, the claims allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions or care to discuss the application, he is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 392-9250.

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